Foodgrains for drought relief

2988. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments have submitted their requirements for wheat and rice for drought relief;

(b) if so, the quantity of wheat and rice asked by them and the quantity sanctioned by Government to the respective States for the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-rise;

(c) the quantity of wheat and rice stocks piled in Government's godowns for the last three years, year-wise and category-wise;

(d) whether there is any proposal/decision for adopting new criteria for distribution of foodgrains to the needy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 2000-01 and 2001-02 *i.e.* upto 31.3.2002 the allocations of foodgrains under Food for Work (FFW) Programme were made on the basis of the assessment made by the Central Government from time to time. From April, 2002 the foodgrains for drought relief are allocated under Special Component of Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana. A Statement I is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Statement II is enclosed (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Allocation of foodgrains by the State Governments for drought relief

(*Quantity in lakh tonnes*)

Sl. No.	State	Quantity allocated 2000-01	Quantity allocated 2001-02	Quantity demanded 2002-03	Quantity allocated 2002-03
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	16.50	40.00	20.00
2.	Bihar	0	1.00	0	0
3.	Chhattisgarh	2.07	4.19	12.60	3.29
4.	Gujarat	0.90	0.58	1.95	1.48
5.	Haryana	0	0	9.72	0.25
6.	Himachal Pradesh	0.12	0	0.19	0.10
7.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0.40
8.	Karnataka	0	1.00	11.09	5.30
9.	Kerala	0	0.05	1.00	0.52
10.	Madhya Pradesh	0.63	1.89	9.61	4.17
11.	Maharashtra	0.10	1.40	2.00	1.16
12.	Orissa	1.00	1.50	14.19	4.00
13.	Rajasthan	1.18	6.21	56.00	18.98
14.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	9.00	1.25
15.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	20.00	2.00
16.	Uttaranchal	0	0	0	0.50
	Total	6.00	34.32	187.35	63.40

Statement-II

Stock of foodgrains as on 1st of April, for the last three years

(fig. in lakh tonnes)

2000	Rice	157.19
	Wheat	131.87
	Total	289.06
2001	Rice	231.91
	Wheat	215.04
	Total	446.95
2002	Rice	249.12
	Wheat	260.39
	Total	509.51

Shortage of storage capacity

2989. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge public stocks of foodgrains which are deteriorating because of shortage of storage space;

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent such a mishap; and

(c) since future demand, supply outcomes are uncertain, what concrete plan is to be shaped for proper storage, supply, etc. of the foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The total stocks of foodgrains available in the Central Pool as on 1st March 2003, was 36.19 million tonnes. Out of this stock, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) is holding 19.93 million tonnes stocks of foodgrains against the total storage capacity of 32.39 million tonnes all over the country. Thus, at present, the FCI is having vacant storage space of 12.46 million tones (as on 28.2.2003). Foodgrains are stored in a scientific manner in the FCI godowns and regular prophylactic and curative treatments are carried out for the preservation of the foodgrains.

(c) During the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007), the FCI has proposed to construct its own storage capacity of 6.42 lakh MTs all